



DATE: March 7, 2014

TO: Students, USGS Training Course SW1091, "Sediment Data Collection Techniques"

FROM: Gary P. Johnson, Course Coordinator

SUBJECT: **SUNDAY MARCH 23, 2014, TRAVEL TO
PORTLAND, OR, & CASTLE ROCK, WA**

The objective of this memorandum is to maximize the potential for your safe and efficient conveyance from Portland, OR, airport (PDX) on the afternoon of Sunday, March 23 to the Mt. St. Helens Motel, Castle Rock, WA, via Federally -rented and -driven shuttle vans. Making proper connections is the trickiest part of the course logistics. **Please be familiar with the contents of this memorandum and carry a paper copy with you as you travel on Sunday, March 23.** Our theme is, "**communicate, Communicate, COMMUNICATE.**"

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS AND ADDRESSES

- Kurt Spicer, Field Coordinator, USGS, Cascades Volcano Observatory, Vancouver, WA: Cell phone 360.450.1389.
- Ellen Rose, Proprietor, Mt. St. Helens Motel address is 1340 Mt. St. Helens Way (Washington Route 504), Castle Rock, Washington, 98611; phone 360.274.7721.
- Gary P. Johnson cell 217.369.1012.

ORANGE TEAM

Gary Johnson, Driver Urbana, IL
gjohnson@usgs.gov 217-369-1012

Elizabeth Bruns	Rock Island, IL
P. (Ryan) Jackson	Urbana, IL
Travis Kordiak	Redlands, CA
John Gray	Reston, VA
James Selegear	Detroit, MI

BLUE TEAM

D. (Nate) Bradley, Denver, CO - Driver
dnbradley@usbr.gov 303-444-2952

Richard Cartwright	Coram, NY
Susannah Erwin	Columbia, MO
Rebecca Kallio	Denver, Co
W. (Luke) Mast	Eureka, CA
Amber Powell	Sacramento, CA
Daniel Riddle	Carson City, NV
Chris Wilkowske	Moab, UT

PROVIDING OWN CONVEYANCE TO CASTLE ROCK

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| 1. Peter Bennett | 11. Timothy Hoffman |
| 2. Marcia (Marty) Berry | 12. Mackenzie Keith |
| 3. Claire Bunch | 13. Tony Lagraca |
| 4. Tim Calappi | 14. Howard Mills |
| 5. David Carlson | 15. Chad Opatz |
| 6. Tami Christianson | 16. Liam Schenk |
| 7. Travis Dahl | 17. Stephen Sissel |
| 8. Brian Fox | 18. Steven Sobieszczyk |
| 9. Drew Gaffney | 19. Jean Snyder |
| 10. Oliver Grah | 20. Andrew Spanjer |

On Sunday, Mar 23 at PDX: **Orange Team** driver **Gary** is responsible for meeting and transporting 5 students/instructors and himself for a total of 6 van occupants. **Blue Team** driver **Nate** is responsible for meeting and transporting 7 students and himself, for a total of 8 occupants. **Pink Team** driver **Kurt** will remain in the Portland area until about 5:00 P.M. for the purpose of transporting stragglers if flight problems result in their arrival as late as about 5:00 P.M. (however, if there are no stragglers, Kurt will depart as soon as the last rider arrives).

This leaves 20 attendees who will provide their own conveyance to and from the course venues in Castle Rock and Vancouver, WA. If your name does not appear on the list above – or it appears under the wrong heading – contact gjohnson@usgs.gov (217-328-9720) **immediately**.

Changes to the van assignments might be made to place the earliest arrivers on the first van, and those arriving later in the 2nd vans, at the discretion of the van drivers. Any student email communications on such proposed changes must be sent to their respective assigned van driver with a cc to the other driver and to Kurt and Gary as well. This will allow the drivers to cross-check arrival information for all students and ensure that everyone is accounted for when it comes time to depart from the PDX enroute to Castle Rock WA by 4:30 p.m. on March 23.

Planning with Van Drivers -- All students should check in with their assigned van driver (**Gary or Nate**) immediately, ideally by email. Please do this regardless of whether or not you have previously provided any or all of this information to anyone, including me. PDX flight arrival information to be shared ASAP, to wit:

- Airline name and flight number
- Scheduled time of arrival at PDX

It is **your** and the van drivers' responsibilities to ensure that all relevant travel information is shared (i.e., at some point it is impossible for me/the other instructors to manage arrival/pick-up information efficiently). Be sure to have your van driver's cell number.

We suggest that the van drivers collaborate to share digital mugshots, and to share these photos electronically with their riders, for more positive identification.

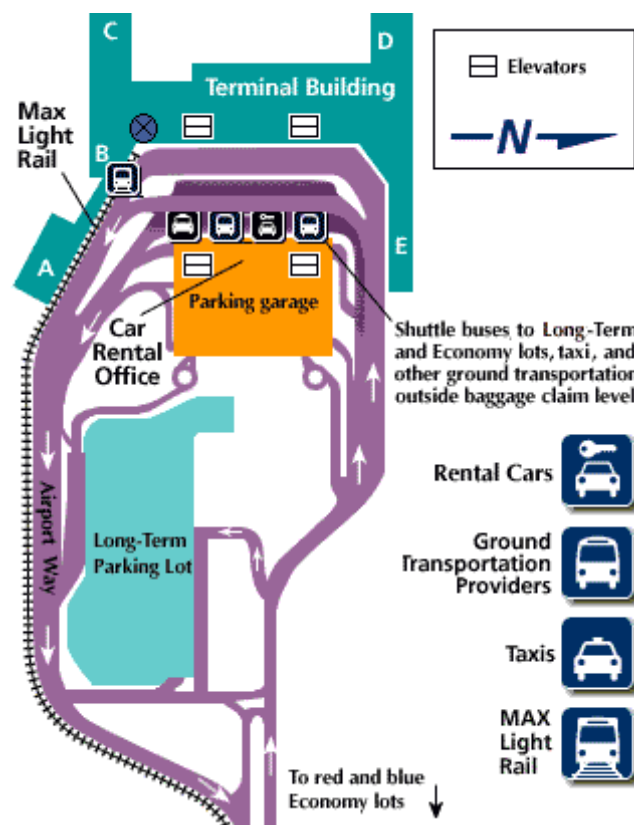
During the training course, most if not all students will ride in the vans to field sites for safety and logistical reasons.

TRAVEL TO/ARRIVAL AT PORTLAND, OR, AIRPORT (PDX)

Emergency Communications -- In the event your flight is delayed, cancelled or you are otherwise rendered incapable of arriving on your scheduled flight/on time, you **must** contact **Kurt Spicer at cell 360.450.1389**. Kurt's cell phone will be turned on by Sunday, March 23 morning, and will remain on until his arrival in Castle Rock, WA at approximately 6:00 P.M. that evening.

If your arrival is significantly delayed and you can't communicate in a timely manner with Kurt, please call **Ellen Rose** at the **Mt. St. Helens Motel in Castle Rock**, and try to contact **Gary Johnson** or one of the other instructors who might have checked in at the Mt. St. Helens Motel. **Ellen**, who runs the motel, should be able to answer most questions. At the very least leave a message with **Ellen** containing all information concerning your situation, including what you intend to do relative to gaining transport to Castle Rock, WA Sunday, March 23. Please make every effort to communicate your situation.

Meeting at the Airport on March 23, 2014: Students and van drivers should develop specific plans to meet and identify each other at PDX. Upon arrival in PDX, students should proceed to the south end of the baggage claim area, to the right as you come off the escalators downstairs (see the blue circle on the map below). Once you have checked in with your assigned driver, you can tend to other things such as gathering your luggage, getting something to eat at the food court, etc. Drivers will inform students of specific departure times for Castle Rock and any other pertinent information. **Vans will be procured at the Budget rental desk- the vans will be waiting under the name "Gary Johnson" under Reservation #'s 36592519US5 & 36592518US4. Payment will be done with your credit card, and we will reimburse your account later.**



If you arrive PDX on-time, that is, no later than 2:30 P.M. – Vans will leave the airport NLT 4:30 P.M. or as soon as everyone assigned to the vans has checked in with the van drivers. Van drivers must call Kurt Spicer at 360.450.1389 prior to departing for Castle Rock.

If you arrive after the vans have departed, but by 5:00 P.M. – Kurt will remain in the Portland area until about 5:00 P.M. for the purpose of transporting stragglers if flight problems result in their arrival as late as about 5:00 P.M. (however, if there are no stragglers, Kurt will depart as soon as the last rider arrives). In the event circumstances result in your arrival after the vans have departed and you haven't been able to contact anyone, please follow the "**Emergency communications**" instructions given above. The single most important thing you can do is to call Kurt Spicer immediately (if possible, of course) when you know your flight will arrive late.

If you arrive at PDX after about 5:00 P.M. – For anyone whose flight schedule changes result in arrival after the vans and Kurt Spicer have left PDX, make sure you have informed **Kurt Spicer, Ellen Rose, or another instructor at the Mt. St. Helens Motel as per the "Emergency communications"** instructions, and either **rent a car** from Enterprise, Budget, Dollar or another GSA contract agency, or use the **Airporter - Blue Star (503.249.1837) Shuttle for \$92.75 for the first passenger and \$3 apiece for each additional passengers on the same shuttle. The Airporter departs PDX on the half-hour until midnight.**

Those driving from PDX to Castle Rock: From Portland, take I-5 north (I-205 North to I-5 north if you're departing PDX; I-205 north merges with I-5 about a dozen miles north of the Columbia River). After about 40 more miles, take Exit 49 and bear right (east) ~300 yards to the Mt. St. Helens Motel on the right (south) just before the substantial increase in road grade.

WITHOUT FURTHER ADO...

Keep an eye out for late-arriving updates to these notes. Make and share your plans as appropriate in a timely manner. I am looking forward to having a full contingent of students transported safely to Castle Rock. We appreciate your cooperation, and will endeavor to make the ensuing training experience well worth the effort traveling to and from Castle Rock, WA.